



# Parish Bulletin

February 5, 2021

## *Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Our Lady of the Assumption*

*Diocese of Corner Brook & Labrador*



### Mass Intentions for Wabush

Requested for	Requested by
<b>Feb 6 :</b> Sister Patricia Maher (living) Stephen, Gertrude & deceased member of Courtney Family	Winnie Hickey Maureen & Bill Courtney
<b>Feb 13:</b> Knights of Columbus Rose Shea	Knights of Columbus Wabush Len, Julia Lynch
<b>Feb 20:</b> John Lundrigan Stephen Cusick	Nellie and Family Rita, Mary, Leon Isaacs
<b>Feb 27:</b> Violet Neville Margie Kenny	Frank, Angela Saville Alec & Margie Keating

### Mass Intentions for Labrador City

Requested for	Requested by
<b>Feb 3:</b> George Hawkins Lucienne Ste. Marie	Catherine Stone Bill & Carmal Conway
<b>Feb 7 :</b> For the People	
<b>Feb 10:</b> Debbie Kendal Way Jim Lafitte	Edward & Karen Hoskins Frank & Angela Saville
<b>Feb 14:</b> For the People	
<b>Feb 17:</b> Knights of Columbus Jim Caroll	Knights of Columbus Labrador Frank & Angela Saville
<b>Feb 21:</b> For the People	
<b>Feb 24:</b> Eusebio del Rosario Jr. Jerome Gover	Maryjane del Rosario & Family Agnes
<b>Feb 28:</b> For the People	

**This masses will be offered during Fr. Joy's private mass:**

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Robbie Hoskins Gordon Parsons Jan Daigle Rossari Shea Mary Jacobs Henny & Tryphena Hodder Ellen "Babe" Power Imelda Pike	Julia & Lyn Lynch Catholic Women's League Gord & Margie Kenny Wanda MacDougall Elaine & Bruce Benson Tom & Theresa Hodder Madonna Matienzo & Family Matt & Myra Lannon

#### PASTORAL TEAM

##### Pastor

Fr. Joy Paul

##### Office Administrator

Maryjane del Rosario  
Office Hour: 8 to 2:30pm  
Lunch break: 12-12:30pm

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

##### **Our Lady of Assumption**

P.O. Box 250  
Wabush, NL A0R 1B0

##### **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Basilica (Lab City)  
♦ Wednesdays 6:45pm

##### **MASS SCHEDULE**

##### **Basilica (Lab City)**

- ♦ Wednesday 7pm
- ♦ Sunday 10am

##### **Assumption (Wabush)**

- ♦ Saturday 7pm



**The Basilica is starting preparation for Confirmation with our Youth. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours to help out it would be appreciated. Please call and leave contact to Church Office 944-2289.**



Knights of Columbus will be holding its monthly meeting on February 14 at 7pmin O’Brain Hall.



The NL District of the 4th Degree is planning a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification for Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00AM using the application GoToMeeting.



Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to our country Canada through active membership in your local Fourth Degree Assembly. Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

**Please contact your local Knights of Columbus Council, or the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller of your local Fourth Degree Assembly for further information.**

Membership in the Fourth Degree allows a Knight to display pride in his country, while continuing to serve his community and Church.

**Please consider joining the Fourth Degree now.**



## Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word for the Children

We are conducting Bible classes for school-aged children.

We offer **A Facebook live session at 11:30-12NN each Sunday**

Registration is required to provide Gospel, Weeklies and a small start-up kit. To register, the parent/guardian can email us with the child’s name, age, teacher’s name at school, email address for the parent/guardian, and home address. The email address is: [basilicachildren@gmail.com](mailto:basilicachildren@gmail.com). Thursday is the cut-off day for registration for every Sunday. Each week’s Gospel Weekly Lesson and start-up kit will be delivered to each house.

Email us for any questions or call Jenine at 709-280-0202.

# THANK YOU!

We wholeheartedly thank those who have already given generously and invite those who may have been waiting to give to do so.

If you are giving your parish support in a Sunday envelope, we wish to inform you that there are a couple of ways you can do it more effectively and conveniently:

## THRU PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

By Pre-authorized payment you can have your Sunday offering automatically withdrawn from your bank account, a fixed amount bi-weekly. It is more convenient and easy for you and a great support to the parish. It means the parish will receive your support regularly and the parish can plan things based on the regular income.

If you wish to set this up for you, all you need to do is fill out a simple form and provide a void cheque from your account.

Parish office is there to help you. You can drop into the office anytime between 8.30am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday or call 709-944 2289 if you have any questions. To download the form please visit the Parish website: [www.labcitybasilica.weebly.com](http://www.labcitybasilica.weebly.com)

## THRU INTERAC E-TRANSFER

The second method is Send your parish support electronically from your online banking account using an INTERAC e-transfer.

Please send INTERAC e-transfers to: [labcityparish@nf.aibn.com](mailto:labcityparish@nf.aibn.com)  
Password: OFFERING2021

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## TAX RECEIPTS

Please be informed that **TAX RECEIPTS for 2020 OFFERING** will be ready for pick up starting **February 14** .

You can get your respective envelopes at the porch of the church

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 25-30, 2021

## Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

→54 Parishioners have signed on for Direct Debit.

Direct Deposits : \$ 2,070.00  
General Collections: \$ 1,585.00  
Candle Rack: \$ 75.00

## Our Lady of the Assumption

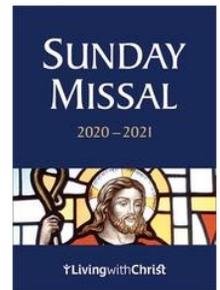
General Collections: \$ 1,035.00  
Candle Rack: \$ 95.00

## Collection Envelopes

To all those who haven't picked up their 2021 Collection envelopes, you can get them at the porch of the church. Please note that new numbers have been re-assigned to some people. As always thank you so much for your generosity.

The new Sunday Missal is now available at the parish office. Copies are limited. Please drop by the parish office and pick one up.

Cost is \$5.00



# SNOW CLEARING

## HELP NEEDED

It's that time again. If you are able to clear snow at the Basilica, would you please call Josephine at 944-7471 or e-mail [jojo@crrstv.net](mailto:jojo@crrstv.net). We will get a schedule made up for the winter. Thank you!



## *From Fr. Joy's Desk*

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Today so many people ask the question that if God is so good, loving, and compassionate why are there so many people in the world who suffer so much? And it is true that our world today is plagued by so many diseases, wars, injustices, killings, exploitation, natural calamities, and so on. Why so much suffering?

The book of Job discusses this problem and helps us to reflect on the question of why people suffer and experience sorrow. The first reading of today taken from the book of Job comments on the sad condition of Job who represents the human beings in this world. When Job looks at his condition, he believes that his life here on this earth is worse than that of anyone else. He is discouraged and upset by pain and sorrow and cannot get sleep but just tossing around in his bed restlessly, waiting for the daybreak. He, then, begins to think: "My eyes will never again see good".

The commentary on the book of Job says that Job was an innocent and God-fearing man. Once the devil told God that Job would not obey Him if he were afflicted. God gave the devil permission to afflict Job greatly. So, Job's suffering was permitted as a test. This is an idea that is a bit new. Because those days suffering had been considered as a divine punishment for sin and probably it could be that. His friends who came to visit him in his suffering and misery, although Job insisted on his innocence, instead of consoling him told him that the reason for his suffering was his sin. The fact that God could allow suffering and pain to an innocent person like him disturbed Job. He became angry with God and began to question God. Why He allowed this happened to him, an innocent soul? Why did He allow him to be born? His cry may sound like a rebellion against God. In fact, he was not blaspheming but making a point to God through a prayer from a painful heart. God listened to his cry and answered him.

God spoke to Job from a storm. Job confessed that he had not reacted to God well. Job realized that he tried to deal with things by himself and so he repented in dust and ashes. God also directed Job's friends to ask Job to pray for them, so that their faulty accusation may be pardoned. The story of Job tells us that suffering is not always a punishment from God for our sins but a test of faith in Him. However, the positive value of suffering is made clear to us by Jesus through his suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection.

Today there seems to be no end to the sufferings in the world arising from various situations like familial, physical, social, cultural, and religious. In fact, the description of the miseries and suffering of Job has reference to the worries and hardships that humankind face today and from its existence. The sufferings in the lives of the people often lead them to believe that there is no meaning in life. It is into such situation Jesus came giving meaning to life. Jesus sees the sad reality of suffering and disease. He takes up the task and teaches his disciples to engage in the construction of the new world that he has just begun. He heals, establishes norms, liberates, frees, shares, and cares for the wounded humanity giving the assurance to humanity that God is with them and for them. Jesus gives the message through his life that life is not reduced to suffering and afflictions alone but it holds the possibility for everything.

To make our life happy and meaningful even in our suffering Jesus shows us the way – that is through a prayerful relationship with the Father. In the life of Jesus we see that even when everyone is searching for Him, even when He is able to work miracles, even when He is busy with proclaiming the Good News to the poor, He is never away from the prayerful relationship with the Father. This God experience led many saints and believers to stand firm in their faith in God even when they went through struggles and pain in their lives. Today in order to face the sufferings and challenges of our days, to heal and to liberate ourselves and the world from the suffering and pain, we need to engage in an abiding love-relationship with God. Only a strong relationship with God can give us the strength to fight against and find meaning in suffering.

# *From The Bishop's Desk*

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:*

Unclean spirits. What are we to make of them? The moment you ask the question, there are an endless number of opinions, and very little common ground. After all, some believe in an elaborate pantheon of demons and forms of possession, while others want nothing to do with the whole topic and brush it away like dust on a sill.

I am intrigued by the fact that they are considered "unclean", as if, by their very nature they stand opposed to the "Holy Spirit". No matter how we conceive of them, they are described for what is lacking and what has become of them. Much like us, who, due to sin, have become susceptible to an unintended tendency in our desires. No longer focused on the beauty and magnificence of God's Will for us, we strive for lesser goods, perceived goods, often at the detriment of God's true purpose for us. Putting the "unclean spirits" over against the "Holy Spirit", therefore, doesn't try to resolve the argument between those who believe in demons and possession and those who don't, but tries to establish common ground, so that we may relate this event to our own lives.

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God?" These are words of defiance and opposition, words stemming from a fear that God comes to destroy that which has become such an integral part of us. Letting go of what we have come to know, and accepting what we do not yet fully comprehend, results in conflict. Like a patient in conflict with his doctor, we can choose against our own good. If the truth be told, we want it both ways, spare us the choice; heal me, but don't ask me to change my ways.

"Be silent!" Christ is literally telling us to shut up. How can God take away our confusion, if we allow the confusion to prevail? "Be silent!" It's the first part of listening; it's also the first part of openness and the hope to receive. Be silent and let His Word take root in you, you might be surprised at the gift it brings.

"But God," you might protest, and God puts His finger to His lips and quietly tells us to hush. Sometimes there is no end to our protesting, no end to the reasons we give. "Be silent, and come out of him!" Christ's words remain the same. There is wisdom in "silence", in the face of all that can be said or done, wisdom in allowing God to be God once more.

Silence before God, and his authority, in what he says and does, often leads to amazement. We see it in those who witnessed the exorcism, but also in all those who came to know of it, as "Jesus' fame spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." We see it in our lives, too, as we fall silent before him and begin to see our lives, our needs and our desires from a different perspective. The resultant change, in listening to his command to "Be silent!", can lead to a new amazement of his authority, his mercy and his healing touch.

Who says that Christ no longer casts out unclean spirits? Who says that Christ no longer exercises power and authority to free us from our own trappings? Who says that his voice has grown soft and silent with the passing of time? The Lord continues to speak to his people. He continues to stop us dead in our destructive tracks. He continues to call us to be silent and know that he is God. He continues to send his Holy Spirit to fill us with fulness of life. Blessed is the one who listens to his command and welcomes him in silence.

Fraternally in Christ,

*Bishop Bart van Roijen*

Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador